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1. AGATTACHE HAS RECEIVED COPY OF REPORT ON THE SECOND MEETING
OF THE ASEAN GROUP ON RICE, A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE COMMITTEE
ON TRADE OF THE ECONOMIC MINISTERS HELD IN BANGKOK ON
JAN 12 - 13, 1978. THE FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS
MEETING.

2. INDONESIA ESTIMATED 1978 RICE PRODUCTION AT 16.26 MILLION
MT AND 2 MILLION MT OF IMPORTS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO COMPENSATE
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FOR A SHORTFALL ESTIMATED AT 1.5 MILLION MT AND TO REBUILD
STOCKS. INDONESIA REQUESTED A MINIMUM SUPPLY OF 500,000 MT
FROM THAILAND IN 1978.

3. MALAYSIA ESTIMATED 1978 PRODUCTION AT 1.04 MILLION MT,
ANTICIPATING A SHORTFALL OF 350,000 MT BECAUSE OF DROUGHT.
MLAYSIA SEEKS TO IMPORT AT LEAST 253,000 MT FROM THAILAND,

SAME AS LAST YEAR. MALAYSIA ALSO INDICATED A NEED FOR 25,000 MT OF GLUTINOUS RICE FROM THAILAND.

4. PHILIPPINES ESTIMATED 1978 PRODUCTION AT 4 MILLION MT WITH A SURPLUS OF 650,000 MT BY JUNE 1978. PHILIPPINES DELEGATION EXPLAINED THAT GOP POLICY IS TO INCREASE RICE PRODUCTION TO MEET GROWING DOMESTIC NEEDS, MAINTAIN A BUFFER STOCK, AND WHEN AVAILABLE TO SHARE ITS SURPLUS WITH ASEAN MEMBER STATES.

5. SINGAPORE ESTIMATED 1978 CONSUMPTION AT 156,000 MT AND REQUESTED 120,000 MT FROM THAILAND WITH AN OPTION ON A FURTHER 20,000 MT TO BE IMPORTED IN EQUAL AMOUNTS BY THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR. SINGAPORE ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN POSSIBLY BUYING RICE FROM PROJECTED PHILIPPINES SURPLUS. SINGAPORE INDICATED THAT A STOCKPILE PROGLFM SHOULD EQUALLY BETWEEN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR WAS MAINTAINED AT 52,000 MT OR 4 MONTHS SUPPLY.

6. IN 1977 THAILAND OFFERED TO MAKE AVAILABLE ANNUALLY A MINIMUM OF 500,000 MT OF RICE TO OTHER ASEAN STATES. THAILAND INDICATED SEVERE DROUGHT HAD REDUCED ESTIMATED PRODUCTION TO 13.5 MILLION MT OF PADDY. 1978 EXPORTS ON GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT BASIS WOULD TOTAL ABOUT 1.2 MILLION MT, MOSTLY TO OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES. FIRST QUARTER EXPORTS WERE ESTIMATED AT 500,000 MT INCLUDING 175,000 MT OF PRIVATE TO PRIVATE TRADE EXCLUDING TRADITIONAL EXPORT MARKETS IN MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE AND HONG KONG. THAILAND INDICATED GLUTINOUS RICE SUPPLY EXTREMELY LIMITED BUT EVERY
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EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO MEET SOME OF ASEAN NEEDS FOR THIS TYPE OF RICE. THAILAND, THOUGH INDICATING HIGHEST PRIORITY WOULD BE GIVEN TO 1978 ASEAN IMPORT NEEDS, SUGGESTED THAT OTHER SOURCES OF SUPPLY BE EXPLORED SOONEST AS THE REGIONAL GROUPING IS A NET RICE IMPORTER.

7. DELEGATES AGREED THAT RICE CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS SHOULD BE NO LESS FAVORABLE THAN THOSE GIVEN TO NON-ASEAN COUNTRIES.

8. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 1978.

9. COMMENT: HEAD OF BULOG WILL BE FLYING TO BANGKOK JANUARY 22 TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR 100,000 MT OF RICE FOR MARCH/ APRIL DELIVERY. THIS QUANTITY IS PART OF THZF500,000 MT INDONESIAN REQUEST.

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